

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed November 4, 2003. With this Response, Applicant has amended claims 21, 24-31, 37, 38, 42, and 46 and canceled claims 22, 23, and 36. Claims 21, 24-33, 37-40, 42-44, 46 and 47 are pending in this application. It is noted that Applicant has amended and/or cancelled the above-identified claims solely to advance prosecution of the instant application and to obtain allowance on allowable claims at the earliest possible date. Accordingly, no admission may be inferred from the amendments of claims herein. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the originally filed claims in the future.

In the office action, the Examiner indicated that claims 24 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome any rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph and to include all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. With this amendment, Applicant has amended claims 24 and 37 to include all limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 24 and 37 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 25 - 31 depend from claim 24 and recite additional limitations. Claim 38 depends from claim 37 and recites additional limitations. Applicant respectfully submits that these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,246,191 to Moss. Applicant's invention as recited in amended independent claim 21 comprises a monitor support mechanism comprising a cam, a cam follower and an energy storage member for providing a force against the cam follower. The monitor support mechanism supports a monitor that is movable along a path of motion. An angle between the path and the direction of the force applied by the energy storage member remains substantially constant as the monitor moves along the path.

Unlike Applicant's claimed invention, the Moss patent teaches an armrest that can be tilted fore and aft. For example, at column 4, lines 24-25 Moss specifically states that the embodiment shown in figures 7 and 9 "allows the cradle to tilt to comply with natural arm movements." Unlike the armrest disclosed in the Moss patent, Applicant's monitor support mechanism provides a substantially constant angle between the path of the monitor and the direction of the force provided by the energy storage member. Applicant's claimed arrangement provides for smooth and stable operation as the monitor travels along the path. In light of the differences described above, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 21 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 42 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,246,191 to Moss. Applicant's Claimed invention, as recited in amended claim 42 is a monitor support mechanism comprising a cam, a cam follower, a cam follower guide, and an energy storage member. A monitor is coupled to the cam and the energy storage member applies a varying force on the cam follower as the cam moves along a path of motion. An angle between the cam follower guide and a longitudinal axis of the cam remains substantially constant as the cam moves along the path of motion.

Unlike Applicant's claimed invention, the Moss armrest is designed to allow tilting of cradle housing 17 to accommodate tilting of the user's arm. Unlike Moss, Applicant's claimed invention provides a cam and a cam follower guide that do not tilt relative to one another as the cam moves along a path of motion. This arrangement provides for smooth and stable relative motion between the cam follower and the cam.

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 42 is now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 43 and 44 depend from claim 42 and recite

additional limitations. Applicant submits that these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

Claim 46 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,246,191 to Moss. Applicant's invention as recited in amended claim 46 is a monitor support mechanism comprising a non-metallic first section having a groove and a non-metallic truck movable within the groove along a path of motion. The non-metallic truck and the groove cooperate so that an angle between the non-metallic truck and the groove remains substantially constant as the non-metallic truck moves along the path of motion.

Unlike Moss, Applicant's claimed invention comprises a non-metallic truck and a groove that cooperate so that an angle between the non-metallic truck and the groove remains substantially constant as the non-metallic truck moves along a path of motion. Because Moss does not disclose a non-metallic truck and a groove that cooperate in this way, Moss does not disclose all element's of Applicant's claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 46 is now in condition for allowance. Claim 47 depends from claim 46 and recites additional limitations; Applicant respectfully submits that this dependent claim is also in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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